

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know from Government whether, so far as the Neyyattinkara and Vilavancode taluks are concerned, the Government have waived or done away with this right of contribution from the people?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot answer that now; I claim notice.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Triandrum—Urban*): Is the Irrigation Division Engineer in charge of the duties of maintaining Irrigation tanks in good repairs now?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes, for those tanks in charge of the P. W. D.

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): May I know for how many years the Public Work Department was connected with the Irrigation work in Travancore?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether the Government have accepted the recommendation of the Minor Irrigation Committee regarding the lines on which the Irrigation Regulation must be amended?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): These are being considered.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know whether the Government have accepted those recommendations?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I cannot say with any certainty.

Irrigation and drainage in punja fields.

100 * MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Irrigation Department has investigated into the necessity of repairing and constructing proper drainage and irrigation channels in the punja fields of Vettiyar, Thazhattu, Pulimel, Podikkad, Peruvalyachal, etc.; and

(b) whether it has been noticed by the Department that the proper cultivation of the above punja fields requires the immediate construction of the canals?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, but the cost is prohibitive.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to answer to part (b) may I know the extent of land that will be benefited by the repair of the channels that are referred to in the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think it will be about 400 acres.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): Is it the total area of all the lands that will be benefited by the repair of the irrigation channels that are referred to in the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): Peruvalyachal is the one I have referred to and the extent of land that will be benefited is 400 acres.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): May I know the extent with regard to the other three?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): I have not that information with me now.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): Am I to understand that the answer is based with regard to that particular channel?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): Yes, mainly.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): What about the other channels?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): The report I have received is regarding the fresh channel to lead to the Achankoil river whose alignment was taken through the lowest saddle in the 4th mile 8th furlong of the Mavelikara-Pantalam road and as a result of the investigation the proposal was to cut a channel of about 10,000 feet in length and that was considered too expensive. Another question was for another channel about 4 miles in length and that was also considered too expensive.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): May I know whether the Chief Engineer says that, by cutting a channel of four miles in length, only 400 acres of land are benefited.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): As far as I can see.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): So, am I to understand that the Chief Engineer has no reply regarding the lands that will be benefited by the improvement of the channels in Vettiyyar, Thazhattu etc?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): In view of the fact that the Chief Engineer's reply is based on the Peruvalyachal, may I know what will be the total area that will be benefited?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (Mavelikara): May I know the cost that has been estimated?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation): No estimate has been prepared. The fact that there was 10,000 feet of channel of which nearly 2,000 feet will have to be cut through a height of 100 feet was sufficient to show that the cost will be too much.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was it ascertained that the cost will not be commensurate with the benefit that will be derived by the construction of the channel?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The cost was found to be prohibitive.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it was ascertained that the cost would be prohibitive, after comparing the cost of the channel as well as the extent of the land that will be benefited by it?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I shall find that out.

P. W. D. toll-gate in Nedumangad.

101 * MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any taluk, other than Nedumangad taluk, where there is more than one P. W. D. toll-gate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government how many separate P. W. D. toll-gates are there in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice. The interpellation was "Is there any taluk other than Nedumangad taluk where there is more than one P. W. D. toll-gate and the answer is, "yeas".

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): How many toll-gates are there in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether there is only one P. W. D. toll-gate or more than one P. W. D. toll-gate in the Nedumangad taluk? Sir, the answer given to the main question itself pre-supposes that there are more than one P. W. D. toll-gate. So the Government member is expected to reply me. He says it is more than one. I want to know whether it is two or three or more?

PRESIDENT: He has not got the information. The honourable member himself knows it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I know it.

May I know from the Government which is the taluk that has got more than one P. W. D. toll-gate?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Kunnathnad, Changanachery, Quilon etc.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member the names of two separate toll-gates in the Quilon taluk?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Neendakara and Paripally.